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Reply To : HPR-ID

Ms. Pamela K. Lowe, Director
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Attention: Matthew Moore

RE: 2009 STIP Amendments 8 and 9

Dear Ms. Lowe:

Your April 21 and April 22 letters requested FHWA approval for the removal of one CMAQ project (Key No. 10468) and the addition of three projects: one a Highway Construction Career Fair using FHWA Discretionary Funds, one for a bridge restoration project (Key No. 09473), and one for roadway preventive maintenance (Key No. 11928).

Because the projects affected by this action are neither intermodal in nature nor of any consequence to the State's conformity process, FHWA has sole approval authority.

With respect to the details of the request, I find that:

1. The proposed changes involve projects which qualify for grouped status per 23 CFR 450.324(f); therefore, no further public involvement is necessary.
2. The affected projects are located outside of the State's air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas; therefore, Federal air quality conformity regulations do not apply.
3. The proposed amendments are based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23, U.S.C., the Federal Transit Act and 23 CFR 450.

In consideration of the above, STIP Amendments 8 and 9 are approved as requested.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

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Transportation Engineer

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